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SUBJECT:INDONESIAN LNG

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1. WE VIEW WITH CONCERN REPORTS THAT JAPAN MAY BE  
MANEUVERING TO BUY ALL GAS AVAILABLE FROM BOTH NORTH SUMATRA  
AND KALIMANTAN FIELDS. TOKYO SHOULD THEREFORE MAKE LOW-  
KEYED APPROACH AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL, REITERATING  
OUR INTEREST IN SEEING THAT INDONESIAN NATURAL GAS IS MADE  
AVAILABLE TO US FIRM AND REQUESTING AUTHORITATIVE CLARIFI-  
CATION OF JAPANESE INTENTIONS. IN VIEW OF POLITICAL

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SENSITIVITIES INVOLVED, BELIEVE YOU SHOULD APPROACH FONOFF

AS WELL AS MITI. COUNTRY DIRECTOR TOLD JAPANESE EMBASSY  
POL COUNSELOR MURATA AUGUST 17 THAT SUCH APPROACH WILL BE  
MADE.

2. AS INDICATION OF OUR STRONG INTEREST, YOU MIGHT NOTE  
THAT US EXIMBANK HAS APPROVED PRELIMINARY COMMITMENT FOR  
LOAN TO FINANCE PORTION OF LNG PLANT AT ACEH, NORTH  
SUMATRA. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF LOAN REQUIRE THAT  
INTERLOCKING 20 YEAR CONTRACTS BE SIGNED BY ALL PARTICIPANTS  
IN THIS PROJECT TO GUARANTEE PRODUCTION, LIQUEFACTION,  
TRANSPORTATION TO US DELIVERY POINT AND REGASIFICATION. IT  
IS SPECIFICALLY STIPULATED THAT THERE MUST BE SALES CON-  
TRACT BETWEEN PERTAMINA AND PACIFIC LIGHTING SERVICE CO.

3. YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT WHAT WE ARE SEEKING IS  
AUTHORITATIVE INFORMATION FROM GOJ WHICH WE MAY USE TO  
COUNTER CRITICISM FROM SOURCES WITHIN US THAT JAPAN  
ATTEMPTING TO FREEZE US OUT OF LNG RESOURCES FROM  
INDONESIA, AN ACT WHICH WOULD BE VIEWED BY MANY IN US AS  
CONTRADICTING SPIRIT OF COOPERATION ON ENERGY MATTERS  
WHICH WAS MOST SIGNIFICANT FEATURE OF NIXON-TANAKA SUMMIT.  
IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF WE COULD HAVE THIS INFORMATION  
PRIOR TO EXIMBANK PRESIDENT SUMITA'S AUG 20 ARRIVAL IN  
WASHINGTON, SINCE THIS SUBJECT LIKELY TO ARISE DURING HIS  
DISCUSSIONS HERE.

4. YOU SHOULD ALSO ATTEMPT ELICIT INFORMATION ON SPECIFICS  
OF JAPANESE INTENTIONS AND MOROZUMI-RADIUS AGREEMENT OF  
APRIL 20. ARE JAPANESE SEEKING EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS TO ALL  
GAS FROM BOTH FIELDS? OR JUST TO GAS WHICH MAY BE LIQUEFIED  
BY JAPANESE FINANCED PLANT OR PLANTS? HOW MANY PLANTS  
ARE JAPANESE PLANNING TO FINANCE? YOU MIGHT ALSO ATTEMPT  
CONTACT UTOMO AS SUGGESTED REF B.

5. FYI OUR INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT ARE THREEFOLD:  
PURCHASE OF PORTION OF GAS, SALE OF LIQUEFACTION PLANT, AND  
SALE AND OPERATION OF TANKERS TO CARRY GAS TO US AS WELL  
AS JAPAN END FYI. ROGERS

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